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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

**Timothy A. HOVANEK**

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Appln. No.: 10/659,980

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: September 10, 2003

Title: ***METHOD FOR DETECTING AMMONIA-OXIDIZING BACTERIA***

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:


The attached supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

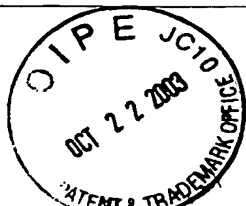
Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,  
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